

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
EASTERN DIVISION

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MO  
ST. LOUIS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

RAHKEEM DIONTE HARRIS,  
CHRISTOPHER JOSEPH MADISON,  
VALDEN CARDELL TAYLOR,  
JERRELL DEVON HAWTHORNE,  
RODNEY DEARIUS JONES JR., and  
DANNY RAY JOHNSON,

Defendants.

No. S1- 4:17CR00258 RLW/SPM

**SUPERSEDING INDICTMENT**

**COUNT I**

The Grand Jury charges that:

Beginning at an exact time unknown to the Grand Jury, but including June of 2014 and through the date of this Indictment, within the Eastern District of Missouri and elsewhere,

**RAHKEEM DIONTE HARRIS,  
CHRISTOPHER JOSEPH MADISON,  
VALDEN CARDELL TAYLOR,  
JERRELL DEVON HAWTHORNE,  
RODNEY DEARIUS JONES JR., and  
DANNY RAY JOHNSON,**

the defendants herein, did knowingly and intentionally combine, conspire, confederate, and agree together with one or more other persons known and unknown to the Grand Jury to commit the following offenses against the United States: (a) to distribute and possess, with the intent to

distribute, a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of heroin, a Schedule I controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 846; (b) to distribute and possess, with the intent to distribute, a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of fentanyl, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 846.

The quantity of heroin involved in the conspiracy attributable to each defendant as a result of his own conduct, and the conduct of other conspirators reasonably foreseeable to him, is one kilogram or more, punishable under Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(A)(i).

**COUNT II**

The Grand Jury further charges that:

On or about December 14, 2016, within the Eastern District of Missouri,

**RAHKEEM DIONTE HARRIS,**

the defendant herein, did knowingly and intentionally distribute a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of heroin, a Schedule I controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) and punishable under Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(C).

**COUNT III**

The Grand Jury further charges that:

On or about January 18, 2017, within the Eastern District of Missouri,

**RAHKEEM DIONTE HARRIS,**

the defendant herein, did knowingly and intentionally distribute a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of heroin, a Schedule I controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United

States Code, Section 841(a)(1) and punishable under Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(C).

**COUNT IV**

The Grand Jury further charges that:

On or about November 9, 2016, within the Eastern District of Missouri,

**CHRISTOPHER JOSEPH MADISON,**

the defendant herein, did knowingly and intentionally distribute a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of fentanyl, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) and punishable under Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(C).

**COUNT V**

The Grand Jury further charges that:

On or about November 21, 2016, within the Eastern District of Missouri,

**CHRISTOPHER JOSEPH MADISON,**

the defendant herein, did knowingly and intentionally distribute a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of heroin, a Schedule I controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) and punishable under Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(C).

**COUNT VI**

The Grand Jury further charges that:

On or about December 14, 2016, within the Eastern District of Missouri,

**VALDEN CARDELL TAYLOR,**

the defendant herein, did knowingly and intentionally distribute a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of fentanyl, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) and punishable under Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(C).

**COUNT VII**

The Grand Jury further charges that:

On or about February 17, 2017, within the Eastern District of Missouri,

**VALDEN CARDELL TAYLOR,**

the defendant herein, did knowingly and intentionally distribute a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of fentanyl, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) and punishable under Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(C).

**COUNT VIII**

The Grand Jury charges that:

On or about May 26, 2017, in St. Louis County, State of Missouri, within the Eastern District of Missouri, the defendant,

**VALDEN CARDELL TAYLOR,**

did knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to distribute a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of fentanyl, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) and punishable under Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(C).

**COUNT IX**

The Grand Jury further charges that:

On or about May 26, 2017, within the Eastern District of Missouri,

**VALDEN CARDELL TAYLOR,**

the defendant herein, did knowingly possess one or more firearms in furtherance of the drug trafficking crime charged in Count Eight herein, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 924(c)(1)(A) and 2.

**COUNT X**

The Grand Jury further charges that:

On or about May 26, 2017, in St. Louis County, State of Missouri, within the Eastern District of Missouri,

**VALDEN CARDELL TAYLOR,**

the defendant herein, having been previously convicted of one or more crimes punishable by a term of imprisonment exceeding one year, did knowingly possess one or more firearms, which traveled in interstate or foreign commerce during or prior to being in the defendant's possession, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1).

**COUNT XI**

The Grand Jury further charges that:

On or about October 25, 2016, within the Eastern District of Missouri,

**JERRELL DEVON HAWTHORNE,**

the defendant herein, did knowingly and intentionally distribute a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of heroin, a Schedule I controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) and punishable under Title 21, United States Code, Section

841(b)(1)(C).

**COUNT XII**

The Grand Jury further charges that:

On or about March 9, 2017, within the Eastern District of Missouri,

**RODNEY DEARIUS JONES JR.,**

the defendant herein, did knowingly and intentionally possess with the intent to distribute a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of heroin, a Schedule I controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) and punishable under Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(C).

**COUNT XIII**

The Grand Jury further charges that:

On or about May 9, 2017, within the Eastern District of Missouri,

**DANNY RAY JOHNSON,**

the defendant herein, did knowingly and intentionally distribute a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of fentanyl, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) and punishable under Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(C).

A TRUE BILL.

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